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# No Limits: Celebrating Strength, Inspiring Change

Non-Profit Housing Corporation  
2024 - 2025 Annual Report





**Purpose:** Champion equity. Empower ability.



**Vision:** An inclusive, barrier-free society for people with disabilities.



**Mission:** To be Canada's leading service provider, resource, and advocate empowering people with disabilities to live and thrive in their communities.



**Values:** Client focus. Collaboration. Accountability. Innovation.

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# At a Glance: A Year Without Limits

March of Dimes Canada's Non-Profit Housing Corporation (NPHC) offers community-based living for people with significant physical disabilities and brain injuries. Our network of five houses across four cities provides an alternative to long-term care, offering 24-hour support for daily tasks and complex needs.

Our staff are inspired to create meaningful change in the lives of people with disabilities, assisting residents with tasks such as eating, dressing, toileting, and bathing so they can lead independent lives with dignity. We focus on creating strong community connections in a safe and supportive space where residents feel at home.

The demand for community-based living for people with physical disabilities remains high, with long waitlists for affordable and accessible housing across Canada. In our case, some applicants wait up to eight years before a place becomes available in one of our homes. Our waitlist for supportive housing in Ontario, for example, is more than 1,000 people long.

The work we do to support people with significant physical disabilities who want to live independently is made possible through support from our partners and funders. We believe it takes collaboration at all levels to create opportunities for people with disabilities to realize their autonomy in a community-living environment.

## **2024–2025 Impact at a glance:**

- Supported 58 people with physical and cognitive disabilities in Hamilton, Oakville, Sarnia, and Sudbury, maintaining a 99% occupancy rate.
- Made supportive living accessible for people with limited income.
- Facilitated community integration and participation through staff-organized events.
- Created safe, well-maintained, and appealing living spaces, including accessible outdoor areas.

We couldn't be prouder of the strong impact we've had this year, working in partnership with our residents, staff, community partners, donors and Board of Directors. Thank you to all who have been part of our inspiring success.





## Jason's House

"One of the biggest challenges Marcia and I faced as parents of a child with a disability was preparing our son Chris to live independently. March of Dimes Canada's Jason's House made it possible for Chris to transition to congregate care in 2017. Jason's House is more a home than a house, providing our son with exemplary care around the clock and still making space for family involvement and independence. We're so grateful to everyone at Jason's House and hope their work fostering autonomy for people with disabilities continues long into the future!"

— Steve and Marcia Mahler, Chris's Parents

- **Built:** 1991
- **Address:** 66 West 28th Street, Hamilton, ON
- **Type:** Single-family home adapted for residents
- **Capacity:** 4 people
- **Staff:** 14







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Jean and Howard Caine Apartments

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## Jean and Howard Caine Apartments

"I've lived in Jean and Howard Caine's supportive housing building in Oakville since 1995. I was one of the first tenants in the building. Living here has given me independence and a sense of freedom. I feel safe knowing there's someone available 24 hours a day in case I need assistance, and I appreciate the supportive staff and management team. I'm so grateful for the chance to live in a March of Dimes Canada building with such caring staff and friendly tenants."

— David Midgley, Service user

- **Built:** 1995
- **Address:** 259 Robinson Street, Oakville, ON
- **Type:** Five-story building
- **Capacity:** 59 apartments (24 attributed to attendant care)
- **Staff:** 11





## Standing Oaks Apartments

" Standing Oaks has been Felisha's home for 10 years now. The staff and residents are like family to Felisha. She receives excellent care from everyone and they always communicate her care concerns to me in a timely fashion. This provides me with a greatly appreciated peace of mind."

— Janet Robbins, Felisha's Parent

- **Built:** 2003
- **Address:** 1212 Michigan Avenue, Sarnia, ON
- **Type:** Multi-resident home
- **Capacity:** 9 people
- **Staff:** 28



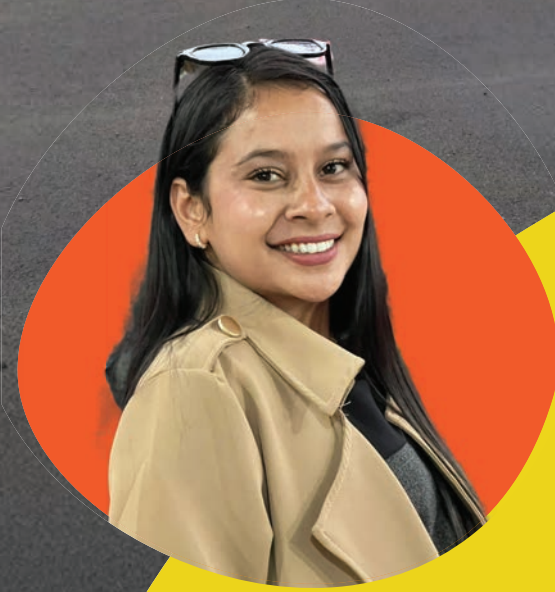


## Wade Hampton House

"I was young when I had my accident. My apartment at Wade Hampton House has given me a lot of independence. I do my groceries and mall outings every week. I've learned to clean and cook for myself with staff assistance. I play my guitar and practice with a music therapist I met through March of Dimes Canada. Living here has helped make me stronger. I do weights and lots of walking exercises. Staff also help me access the YMCA weekly."

— Nicholas St-George, Service user

- **Built:** 2011
- **Address:** 2915 Bancroft Drive, Sudbury, ON
- **Type:** Multi-resident home
- **Capacity:** 11 people
- **Staff:** 28



## Bishop Alexander Carter House

- **Built:** 2019
- **Address:** 2915 Bancroft Drive, Sudbury, ON
- **Type:** Multi-resident home
- **Capacity:** 12 people
- **Staff:** 28

"Working at March of Dimes Canada to support people with acquired brain injuries is an incredibly rewarding experience. I feel confident and supported in my work, my colleagues and managers encourage career growth opportunities, and I've developed strong problem-solving skills I can use in other areas of my life. Working at Alexander House brings new challenges and occasions to learn about health and mental well-being every single day. I can honestly say this has been the best working experience of my life."

— Nita Dhakal, MODC staff

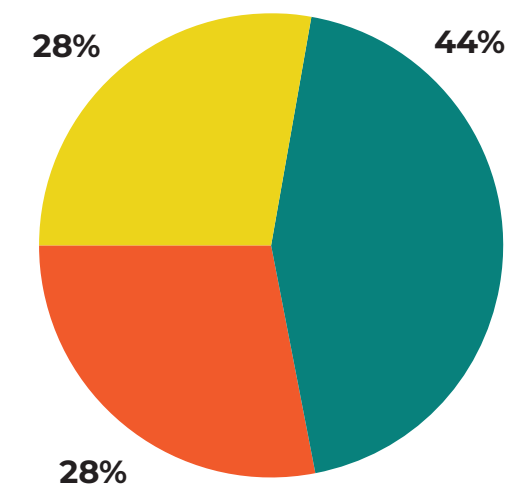


# Our Financial Performance

March of Dimes Canada’s Non-Profit Housing Corporation (NPHC) ended the year with a surplus of \$0.1M. Facilitating long-term accommodation means ensuring the upkeep of the buildings and homes where resident care is provided. This past year included the continuation of significant kitchen replacement and boiler replacement in the Jean and Howard Caine Apartments in Oakville,

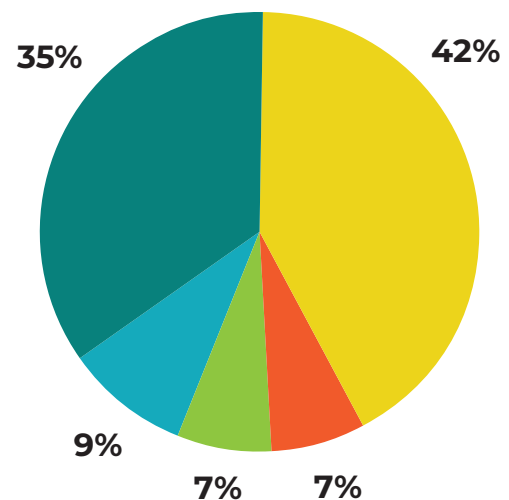
and HVAC repairs in the Wade Hampton House and Bishop Alexander Carter House, in Sudbury. Thanks to several longstanding donors and through our partnerships we were able to address much-needed repairs. Our financial reserves are \$0.6M, which along with new grants and donations will support the ongoing growth and sustainability of our work.

2024–2025 Operating Revenues



- Grant Subsidy
- Rent
- Miscellaneous

2024–2025 Operating Expenses



- Building expenses
- Property taxes
- Other operating expenses
- Administration
- Amortization

Please see our full audited financial statements at [www.marchofdimes.ca/financials](http://www.marchofdimes.ca/financials)

# Thank You

Thank you to everyone who was involved in supporting 58 residents as part of our supportive housing, to live active, healthy, and connected lives. Our staff, volunteers, supporters, partners, and service users, all worked together towards another successful year of positive impact.

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- A.W.B. Charitable Foundation
- Bishop Alexander Carter Foundation
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- Oakville Community Foundation
- Ontario Realtors Care Foundation
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- Rotary Club of Sarnia
- Rotary Club of Sarnia Bluewaterland
- Sarnia Community Foundation
- Sudbury Real Estate Board
- The D.H. Gordon Foundation
- The Judith & Norman Alix Foundation
- The Walmley Foundation

Thank you to the Bishop Alexander Carter Foundation for their generous donation to the Bishop Alexander Carter House and the Sudbury NPHC sites. Their continued generosity over the years has supported the quality of life for our residents.





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